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DATE: 19 JUNE 1974

SUBJECT: SIHANOUK COMMENTS ON THE KHMER COMMUNISTS

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PRINCE SIHANOUK REPORTEDLY IS PESSIMISTIC OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING A COMPROMISE PEACE AGREEMENT IN CAMBODIA.

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THE FORMER CAMBODIAN LEADER INDICATED THAT--ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES THERE IS ROOM FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT--THE KHMER COMMUNISTS STILL REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE.

SIHANOUK STATED THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY DISILLUSIONED WITH THE "INFLEXIBLE" AND "BLINKERED" INSURGENTS, WHO HE SAID ARE BENT ON TOTAL VICTORY. SIHANOUK ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE ENJOYED GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH KHMER COMMUNIST LEADER KHIEU SAMPHAN--WHOM HE CONDEMNED AS A "TOTAL COMMUNIST"--SAMPHAN WOULD NOT LISTEN TO HIM ON POLITICAL MATTERS.

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SIHANOUK ALLEGED THAT SINCE 1972 CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI HAD BEEN URGING HIM TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE AMONG THE CAMBODIAN FACTIONS. SIHANOUK, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT HE WAS UNWILLING TO RECK THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD RESULT IN THE KHMER COMMUNISTS DISOWNING HIM COMPLETELY. CONSEQUENTLY, HE SAID HE HAD GONE ALONG PUBLICLY SUPPORTING POLICIES WITH WHICH HE DID NOT AGREE.

REVERTING TO THE MILITARY SITUATION, SIHANOUK SAID THAT KHMER COMMUNIST FORCES WERE HINDERED BY AMMUNITION SHORTAGES BUT CLAIMED THAT THE CHINESE HAD INCREASED THEIR AID TO THE INSURGENTS AND SIZABLE AMOUNTS OF SUPPLIES WERE NOW STOCKPILED IN SOUTHERN CHINA FOR SHIPMENT TO CAMBODIA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOVEMENT OF THESE SUPPLIES WAS BEING DELAYED BECAUSE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE GIVING PRIORITY TO THE SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES DOWN THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL TO THEIR OWN FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS IS A LINE THAT SIHANOUK HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST AND HIS REITERATION IT NOW MAY BE DESIGNED TO CAST IN THE BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT THE CHINESE TIES TO THE INSURGENTS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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